

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to a correct typographical errors. No new matter is added.

In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-37 and 64-65), with traverse, for prosecution in the above-identified application. Regarding the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the laser energy transfer parameter which includes the pulse length and shape of the laser energy and the substrate which is transparent, claims 6, 8, 20, and 22. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 14-18, 23-37, and 64-65 are generic.

It is respectfully noted that, although the Restriction Requirement omitted claims 33-37 and 39, the Examiner indicated in a July 3, 2003 telephone conference with Applicant's representative that he considered claims 33-37 part of Group I and claim 39 part of Group II. The Examiner further indicated in the July 3, 2003 telephone conference that due to the omission of claim 61 from the originally filed claims, claims 62-66 have been renumbered by the Patent Office as claim 61-65.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. This is particularly true for the designated species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application

can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzick, at the telephone number listed below.

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